IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
	E. Marlowe Goble)
Serial No.:	09/970,559)) Art Uni) 3738
Filed:	October 3, 2001)
Conf. No.:	1489)
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECONSTRUCTING A LIGAMENT)))
Examiner:	Javier G. Blanco)
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004, in the above-identified patent application be extended for three-month until October 2, 2004.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed 09/22/2004 WABDELR1 00000029 herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in

connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this **20** day of September 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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